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### MATSUI: HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES APPROVES FUNDING FOR SACRAMENTO FLOOD CONTROL

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman Robert T. Matsui (D-Sacramento) announced today the House of Representatives approved \$24.7 million in funding for critical Sacramento flood control projects, including construction on modifications to Folsom Dam's outlets, preparations for the construction of the Folsom Dam Mini-Raise and a permanent bridge to replace the Folsom Dam Road, and levee improvements.

**“With this funding, engineers will continue to make great progress on the Folsom Dam Modifications and prepare for the Mini-Raise and bridge,”** said Representative Matsui. **“By improving flood protection measures, we safeguard our city against the swelling rivers and help residents achieve a higher degree of certification, lowering their insurance costs.”**

The modifications to Folsom Dam's outlets will allow the dam to operate more efficiently, bringing added flood protection to the Sacramento area. Increasing the size of the outlets allows the dam to release more water prior to a storm and handle more water once a storm arrives.

The funding will also help strengthen the levees along the Sacramento River to reach the goal of levee certification, reducing the amount Sacramentans pay in flood insurance.

Once constructed, the combined projects will bring the community beyond its goal of 200-year protection, increasing the safety of \$40 billion in property including the California State Capitol, 160,000 homes, over 100 schools, six major hospitals, 26 nursing homes, three major freeways systems, and a regional economy that supports over one million people.

The funding was included in the Fiscal Year 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act, H.R. 4818. The Conference Report is expected to pass the Senate shortly and move on to the President where it will be signed into law.

#### Projects funded in the FY 2005 Omnibus Appropriations Act:

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| • Folsom Dam Outlet Modifications:                    | \$6.675 Million |
| • American River Plan – Mini Raise and Folsom Bridge: | \$8.0 Million   |
| • American River Common Elements:                     | \$5.0 Million   |
| • South Sacramento Streams:                           | \$2.25 Million  |
| • Sacramento River Bank Protection:                   | \$1.75 Million  |
| • Sacramento-San Joaquin Comprehensive Study:         | \$1.0 Million   |
| • Strong and Chicken Ranch Sloughs:                   | \$25,000        |

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